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HISTORY OF THE TRIBUNAL. Changes in the Several Constitutions

ASTEP BACKWARDS.

Affecting It.

Lives and Characters of the Incoming Judges,

As is well known, excitement over the election of the judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals, who are to take their seats January 1st next, rose to fever heat. There were various causes for this. The present Legislature, in addition to several corporation judges, capitol officers, a United States senator for the unexpired term of the late John S, Bar- learning than Mr. Buchanan. bour, and a United States senator for the full term, commencing the 4th of March,

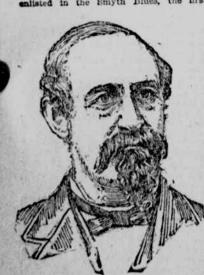
Prior to this Constitution's going into effect the Supreme Court of Appeals did effect the Supreme Court of Appnot have appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases, such jurisdiction being vested
in the general court.

The Constitution of 1859-known as the
Underwood Constitution-took a step backwards—and a conservative step—in relation to the Supreme Court of Appeals,
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wards—and a comervative of Appeals. It relegated the election of judges to the General Assembly. As radically disposed as was the convention that framed it, the body was not willing to trust the election of the judiciary to a vote composed largely of negroes. The new court is the third elected under the Constitution of 1869. The sitting court was chosen by a Mahone Legislature.

The morning after the nomination of the new court by the Democratic caucus the Dispatch gave brief sketches of the judges. These it now supplements with more extended biographical data, and with portraits of the several members of the court.

Hon. John A. Buchanan comes of sturdy Scotch-Igsh stock. His ancestors emigrated from Scotland in the seventeenth century and first settled in Pennsylvania. Then followed the tide immigration to the Valley of Virginia, and his fourth term as Speaker of the House, having succeeded the late Charles E. gration to the Valley of Virginia, and then on to Holston, or what is now known as Southwest Virginia, where they formed a permanent settlement and occupied lands which are still held Mr.



OUR NEW HIGH COURT

1870. He then studied law at the University of Virginia, and began the practice of his profession at Abingdon as a partner of the late Hen. Beverley Johnston. He was successful from the beginning, and soon won his way to the front rank in one of the most brilliant bars in Virginia, and he is now university. bars in Virginia, and he is now univer-sally recognized as one of the leading lawyers of the State. In 1885 he was elected to the Virginia House of Dele-gates, and discharged his duties with such ability as to win for him a State reputation.

ELECTED TO CONGRESS.

In 1888, while out of the State, and ithout any solicitation on his part, he was nominated for Congress by the De-mocratic Convention in his district. His opponent was Hon. Henry Bowen, a vealthy and popular Republican, who had erved two terms in Congress, and who had been elected two years previous over Major R. R. Henry, the Democratic nominee, by a majority of about 2,000. After a close and able canvass Mr. Buchanan was elected by about 500 ma-Ruchanan was elected by about 500 ma-jority. His election was contested, but was decided in his favor by the Reed Congress. In 1850 he was unanimously renominated and was re-elected by nearly 4,690 majority. In 1892 he declined a third nomination, which it was conceded he could have had without opposition, and resumed the active practice of his pro-fession. During his second term in Con-gress Mr. Buchanan served on the Ju-diciary Committee, and Judge Culberson, the chairman of that committee, said in a

A CLOSE STUDENT. A diligent worker and a close and me-Throughout the protracted fight, lob- abandons a subject under investigation Throughout the protracted fight, lob-bying, and cancussing incident to the be-stowal of so much patronage, a good deal was said that might well have been left unsaid. Rumors and charges of all sorts of combinations which would affect the composition of the highest court of the Commonwealth were rife, and open in-dignation was expressed at the alleged at-terment to drag the judgial errains into tempts to drag the judicial ermine lato eminent qualifications for the office were the mire of political trading.

THE UNWRITTEN LAW HONORED. These charges, however, could not be traced to any authentic source. They were, as it proved, simply the vaporings of men over zealous in the cause of their friends, and who saw the situation with the last three representatives chosen from Southwestern Virginia on the Surpreme Court of Appeals bench-Staples, friends, and who saw the situation with

vice he recalled no one who brought to

Speaker Caldwell, of Hanover.

In Mr. Cardwell's removal to Virginia in 1839 the old Commonwealth only re-ceived her dues, as his ancestors had

thirteenth circuits, the sixth district; the seventh district; the sixthesenth and seventeenth circuits, the eight district; the sixthesenth and nineteenth circuits, the cighteenth and nineteenth circuits, the sixth districts and the twe-nieth and twenty-first circuits, the tenth district. The first and second districts shall constitute the first section; the third and fourth districts, the second section; the fifth and sixth districts, the tenth districts, the fifth section; the seventh and centh districts, the fourth section; and the ninth and tenth districts, the fifth section.

For each section a judge shall be elected by the voters thereof, who shall hold his office for the term of twelve years, unless sooner removed in the manner prescribed by this Constitution. He shall at the time of his election be at least is years of age, and during his continuance in effice reside in the section for which he is elected.

The Supreme Court of Appeals shall consist of five judges so elected, any three of whom may hold a court.

WAS CHANGED AGAIN.

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A SELF-MADE MAN.

Mr. Cardwell is, truly speaking, a self-made man, With a mederate clucation he took up law after he came fo Virginia to live. With a family to support he had but little time to devote to reading at home. Though he applied himself are arrestly, and made the most of spare moments. In 1872 he entered a law office are side, and the mixture of the bar. He has been a shall we present the himself to the bar. He has been a shall consist of five judges as cention for which he is elected.

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having succeeded the late Charles E. Stuart, of Alexandria.

When the Debt Commission was created by his family.

Mr. Buchanan was born in Smyth county in 1845, and received his early elucation at the Marion Academy. While yet a schoolboy, at the age of 15, he enlisted in the Smyth Blues, the first

Mr. Cardwell is, as stated, about the heaviest member of the new court, which in the aggregate will balance the scales at 1,100 pounds—just half of a long ton. The Hanover member pulls down 240, Judge Keith comes next at 225, Judge Harrison third at 2:30, Mr. Buchanan balances 210, and Major Riely is the baby member, weighing only 185.

Hon. George M. Harrison. Hon. George Montett Harrison is on his mother's side of Scotch-Irish stock. being a direct descendant of Colonel George Monfett, a distinguished soldier of the Revolution, and one of Washington's most trusted officers. His father is Henry Harrison, Esq., of Augusta county; his grandfather was Carter H. Harrison, of Clifton, Cumberland county, Va., and he belongs to the lower James-river family of Harrisons. He is related to the Ran-dolphs, Carys, Carters, and others of the old Eastern Virginia families. His mother was Jane St. Clair Cochran, daughter of the late George Moffett Cochran, Sr. Mr. Harrison was born in Staunton, Va., February 14, 1847, but when he was an

a military company of Staunton boys, all of whom were under 18 years of age. A short time thereafter, however, he was transferred to the Fredericksburg Battery, with which he remained until the surrender at Appomattox.

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Mr. Harrison enjoyed the advantages of the subject of such sincere in the Sunday school and other concerns of his parish. His elevation to the Supreme Bench has been hailed with great pleasure all over the State; but to no people has it been the subject of such sincere congratulations as to his neighbors and



ated from the University of Virginia in



HON JAMES KEITH.

MADE A JUDGE, MADE A JUDGIS.

In 1925 Judge Keith commenced the practice of law in Warrenton, Va., and had built up a lucrative business, when in 1939 he was elected to the General Arsembly from his native county. In the Legislature he was soon recognized as a man of several halvers, and in 1870 was made.

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membered by the Benevolent Mason-Bequests to His Relatives. Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, himself a close friend of the honored Mason and

The committee appointed at the recent meeting of the Richmond Tobacco Ex- philanthropic citizen of whom he writes, change to go to Washington and urge upon the Virginia senators and members ing statement regarding the faith of Capof Congress the importance of not allow- tain Babcock, and it will be read with ing the clause of the Wilson bill for the both interest and comfort by those who ing the clause of the Wilson bill for the increased taxation of cigarettes to pass, and of repealing the "free-leaf" clause now in operation, will leave here Tuesday morning at 7:40 o'clock for the capital city. The gentlemen constituting this body are Messrs. Boykin, Eosher, Hutchinson, Boyd, Mayo, Cameron, Morton, and President Miller.

congratulations as to his neighbors and friends in Hallfax, among whom he is regarded with so much affection and es-

FIGHTING THE CICARETTE-TAX.

The Committee to Meet Other Delegations

in Washington Tuesday.

food or money—only clothes and shoes,
The officers are Mrs. Philip Ryan, president;
Mrs. R. McJones, vice-president;
Mrs. Alex. Hungerford, treasurer; Miss
Dooley, secretary; Mrs. James Kirk, disburser; Miss Fitznatrick, assistant disburser; Mrs. Mysnie Ryan, collector.

He heartily enjoyed the hopes of the The parish is divided into six districts, and the visitors are Mesdames Jones, Mahoney, Scott, Redford, Daffron, Harton, Kirke, McIntyre, Evans, Burrow, and Misses Morriscy, Burns, Pizzini, and

Past Dictators Faber and Cornick, installed the following officers: William R. Lee, dictator; J. T. Hay, vice dictator; J. H. James, assistant dictator; John R. Haynes, past dictator; Thomas Jackson, reporter; J. A. Cosby, financial reporter; W. J. McDowell, representative to Grand Lodge chaplain George C. Cornick, guide; A. M. Frayser, guardian; Thomas H. Folkes, sentinel; John J. Wright, Eldridge Morris, and John R. Haynes, trustees; W. J. McDowell, representative to Grand Lodge.

With Moore and Goldsmith.

The Literary Committee of the McCill Catholic Union have arranged an interesting and attractive programme for the meeting to be held Monday evening. It is as follows: Chorus, Moore, Union Glee Club; song, Moore, T. E. Edgar; recitation, Goldsmith, H. Tresnon; song, Moore, W. L. Finegan; essay, "Oliver Goldsmith," J. R. Higgins; song, Moora, W. F. Reddy; recitation, Goldsmith, J. W. Nokely; chorus, Moore, Union Glee Club.

Many Worthy Institutions Generously Re-

has furnished the Dispatch with the follow-

quently in regard to the religious faith of ness had been disposed of three candi HON. GEORGE M. HARRISON.

In 1870 he stood his examination for a license to practice law before Judge Shackelford, of Culpaper, and Judge william McLaughlin, of Rockbridge, who was then helding his first term as Circuit Judge in Staunton, and entered at once on his professional career as a member of the Staunton bar.

In his profession he has been very successful both in making a widespread reputation for ability and in rendering himself comfortably independent in financial affairs.

NOT A POLITICIAN.

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HON. GEORGE M. HARRISON.

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He heartily enjoyed the hopes of the Gospel as I repeated them to him. When Gespel as I repeated them to him. When I knelt at his bedside in prayer he reverently followed each petition as it ascended to God in the mane of Christ, and at the close he repeated "Amen." As I rose to go he thanked me most heartily for my talk and prayer, and entreated me to come again as soon as I could do so. He said the same thing to Mr. Douglass Leftwich, who came into his room just before Prayer vas offered.

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Why One of His Legs Was Amputated—Other Police Court Cases.

Henry Eacho, the white man who was shot November 6th last in the leg by Benjamin Timberiake (colored), appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning for the first time since the affray occurred. Readers of the Dispatch will remember that Eacho was so badly injured that it was necessary to amputate the leg just below the lines. On second to of the absence of Mr. D. C. Richardson, counsel for Timberiake, the examination

With who came into his recal just below to the Inspirator was offered. Infinitelity, athelsm, agnosticism were utterly foreign to Captain Babcock's nature. Whatever may have been his errors, faults, and sins, it is crued to his memory to imagine him other than a firm believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Whatever may have been his virtues, his courage, his truthfulness, his fielity, his pattern of the Chairman. The meeting was called the cive was called to order and Colonel Haskins submitted a letter, is which he said:

Gentlemen.—I hereby tender my resignation of take effect at once. In doing this 1 regret very much to have to part with you, who unarimously called me to this believed them to arise from his faith in the Bible and his desire to imitate the came have a desired to mintate the problem.

Will Admitted to Probate.

With Admitted to Probate.

The will of Captain Babcock was pro-bated in the Circuit Court of Henric

of a case goes far towards securing a verdict for his fortunate client.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS.

Major Riely is a man of singularly courteous manners, quiet, and unassuming.
Judge Burks, in his letter addressed to the present General Assembly urging Major Riely's nomination for the Supreme Bench, said of him: "Considering his worth, learning, and ability, he is the most unpretentious man I ever knew."

While not what might be termed a poli-

Florence Garland. Leiln Wright. Lette
Pend, Margie Lehr, Esste Wilcox, and
Belle Philbates: among the gentlement
were Messers. Heber. Edille Hopson, Joe
Pond, Ellieck Rasiberry, John Madison,
Charlie Glenn, Floyd and Ottoway Parker,
Willie Fox, Harvey Eew, Walter Thornten, and Leonard Wright. Piecsant games
were indulged in until 12 o'clock, when refreshments were served. All spent a delightful time, and the party adjourned at
a late hour.

Knights of Honor Officers.

At the last meeting of Richmond Lodge,
No. 213, Knights of Honor, Deputy-Grand
Dictator George E, Howden, assisted by
Past Dictators Faber and Cornick, installed
the following officers: William R. Lee,
dictator; J. T. Hay, vice dictator; J. H.
James, assistant dictator; John R. Haynes,
past dictator; Thomas Jackson, reporter;

In the Hustings Court yesterday Osman Heneyman (colored) was tried for an assault upon Warner Clair. The care was defended by Giles B. Jackson, who attended to show that the injury was received to show that the injury was received by the effect of the moon on the man who was struck. The jury returned

HON. JOHN A. BUCHANAN. Infere company which went from his near Stauntor, where he still resides, Mr. Harrison grew up under the refined in the famous Stonewall Brigade. He captured at Point Lookout, being paroled at the time of General Lee's sure at Appomation. After the war buchanan entered Emory and Henry but, after remaining a few months and graduated from there in

HIS FAITH IN CHRIST.

Dr. Landrum Discusses the Religious

Belief of Captain Babcock.

WILL ADMITTED TO PROBATE.

Burket, and others. After enjoying some very nice music from Mr. Watkins and others refreshments were offered to the guests, which were very much enjoyed.

There was a very pleasant sociable given last Tucsday evening at Mr. Smithers's residence, No. 2707 east Clay street in honor of his birthday. The ladie present were Misses Saruh, Delia, and Mamic Blankenship, Lily Godsey. Bessie Christian. Hester Binns, Ludia and Georgie Stubblefield, Maud Coles, Ada and Blanche Dennett, Ada Allen, Maggle Wissins, Marion Hogue, Gatewood, Mollie gins, Marion Hogue, Gatewood, Mollie and Emily Smithers, and Luia and Kati Jones. The gentlemen were Messrs. El-die Wade, Arthur and Richard Elans die Wade, Arthur and Richard Binna Robert Lynch, Charles Shorter, Leper Lipscomb, Thomas Baine, Charles Blan kenship. Dougherty Kelly, Marceliu Page, Wheeler Huff, Louis Mayo, Willi-Brunsdage, — Coles, Thomas Stubble-field, James Worsham, Willie and Eddie Bilters, Refreshorts, were severed. Bilters. Refreshments were served

AMONG THE GOOD TEMPLARS.

Interesting Meetings of Jefferson, East-End and Sidney Lodges-The Union's Officers largely-attended meeting at Boze's Hall Inquiry has been made of me so fre- Thursday night. After the routine busi

this matter.
Congressman Wise has also written that it will be impossible at present for the committee to make an appointment with the Ways and Means Committee.

Say that he was a Knight Templar in full fellowable is to assert his confidence in the impossible at present for authority of the New Testament Scriptures. If nothing more could be said about lateresting remarks were made by Messes

self comfortably independent in financial affairs.

NOT A POLITICIAN.

Mr. Harrison has never been a politician in the accepted sense of the term. He in an eloquent, foreible, and convincing speaker, but has never sought political preference at the hards of the people. Nevertheless, for years he hards of the people o cotton, 54 yards of satine, 55 boys' eniding, 11 yards of satine, 55 boys' eniding, 11 yards of satine, 55 boys' eniding, 11 yards of jeans, 65 pairs of shoes, and 14 bed-comforts; also, they distributed 25 oid garments, 39 pairs of old shoes, and 4 how cloaks, a present from Thalhimer Brothers. The society does not give thimer Brothers. The society does not give the officers are Mrs. Philip Ryan, president; The officers are Mrs. Philip Ryan, presidenticisty subscribe to the creed of any to the order is charity and temperature.

COLONEL MEADE HASKINS RESIGNS cratic Committee.

Nine packages of fruit brandy seized in Louisa county by internal revenue officers were sold at public auction in front of the Custom-House yesterday. The lowest price raid was \$1.30 per gal-lon, and the highest was \$1.50. This in-

THE THIRTEEN CLUB.

lection of Officers-The Gymnasium-The " Non-Superstitious. The Thirteen Club at its last meeting lected the following officers for the enalog term: James W. Rasberry, C. T.; ohn A. Madison, V. T.; John B. Metzger, eretary; James L. Figg. treasurer; H. Metzger, watchman, and L. H. Allen,

Our New Imported Watches have proven to be the finest ever offered in this market, and 18-karat gold, in huntin Applications were received from four applications were received from four errors who desire to become "non-super-titlous," meking thirteen applications wring the past menth, which tends to how that the Church Hill people are osing their "supersuitiousness." The club a flourishing financially and otherwise, of the evanuasium is in a good condiface cases of th NOWLAN & CO nd the symnasium is in a good condi-in, having in it some very promising The club contemplates having an enter-alnment and a departe in the near fu-ire. a fuel-saving inv

Was Learning Fancy Shois.

Mr. William H. Matthews desires it confed that he did not "play pigeon-hole with a negro," as he was accredited with aving done in a recent report of the Hall Sunday night.

having done in a recent report of the Police-Court proceedings. He says a collored boy came into his place, and was making some remarkable shots, when he Matthews) had him to show him how to do the same. He could not account for Mr. Samuel M. Page's attack upon im in connection with the case of the tegro in the Police Court. He denies

and says he only wished an

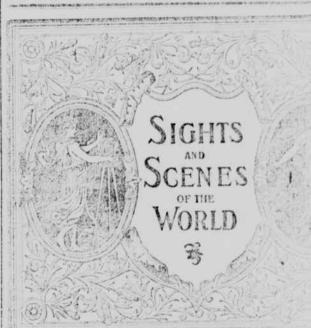
that gentleman, when he applatter, and who caused him rested. While Matthews is on her on Seventeenth street, house owned by him, it is running.

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